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COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Orange Santa Ana, California

Gentlemen:

This document delineates the history, operation, and facilities of the County Free Library as it enters its 45th year of continuous service to the citizens of Orange County. In the lessons of the past and the current state of operations, lie the keys to the goals to be sought in the future.

Thus, this document acts as an historical examination of the maturation of County Library service during its first 45 years. From this examination valuable patterns are highlighted which can be applied now and in future operations.

Further, this document presents a detailed account of current County Library service. This delineation of today's service, at the individual branch and the overall system levels, forms the foundation on which tomorrow's service can be constructed.

Finally, this document spells out County Library service requirements for the coming 15 years. A projection which is based on the materials gathered during the preparation of this document and an analysis of significant county population trends now in motion.

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ORANGE LIBRARY

HEADQUARTERS 1965



PATRONAGE IN 1965 - 200.8 THOUSAND! (Average patronage 1921/64 - 33.7 thousand)

AVERAGE ANNUAL PATRON INCREASE 1955/65 - 17 THOUSAND! (Average annual patron increase 1921/54 - 6 hundred)

VOLUMES ADDED IN 1965 - 65 THOUSAND!
(Average volumes added 1921/64 - 7.8 thousand)

CIRCULATION FOR 1965 - 2.8 MILLION!
(Average circulation 1921/64 - 512.5 thousand)

The Orange County Free Library is well personified in a word: GROWTH. Nor is its present performance merely a passing occurrence. Realistic projections for 1970 indicate a circulation of 10 million volumes annually; or three times the present figure.

Since 1921, and largely through the far sighted action of the Board of Supervisors in establishing the County Library, there have been tremendous strides in library service to the citizens of Orange County. Consistent with the original concept for county-wide library service, the County Library today is predicated on meeting still greater demands as they arise in the future.

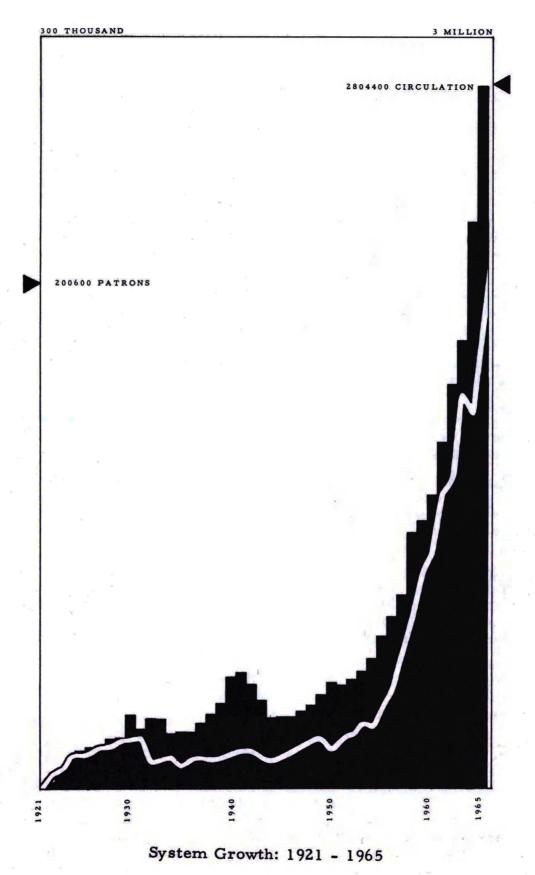
From the original staff of three sharing a room with the County Farm Advisor in Santa Ana, there are now 246 trained and qualified individuals manning the Library's municipal and community branches, its headquarters and two bookmobiles.

The ten thousand volume collection of 1921 has become one of the largest public library collections in the State of California with almost a half million volumes. And, the collection continues to increase 2% per month.

Branch facilities, too, have grown and improved. From a single room from which books were dispensed, the typical branch has become a modern structure of 6 to 10 thousand sq ft which is designed to be functional in addition to being conveniently located, comfortably equipped and tastefully furnished.

Obviously there have been increases in the expenditures required for these services and facilities (\$14 thousand for 1921; \$2.1 million for 1965). However, costs throughout the County Library's history have been held to the minimum required to keep pace with the demand for County Library Service. As this demand continues to grow, there will be a continuing requirement for support for the collection, facilities, and professional staff to meet it.

The challenge of growth to the County Library remains one of markedly improving and expanding service with each year that passes while maintaining a realistic tax rate. To this end the County Library is now implementing streamlined techniques and procedures and is striving to further key its operations to the demands of tomorrow's patron.



The Orange County Free Library is best understood in terms of its physical plant, staff, and collection; and the capabilities it has built up to specify, initiate and maintain library service within the county.

Facilities. The County Library today entails twenty-four branch library structures, Headquarters building, and two Gerstenslager P-2800 bookmobiles. The accompanying map depicts the municipalities and communities served by these branches. The contingency of each branch to a city or community within the service area is necessary as each political jurisdiction requires its own branch. In a later topic the routes covered, and the services offered by the bookmobiles are discussed at length.

Staffing. The staff of the County Library is composed of 36 professional librarians and a compliment of 210 library assistants, clerks, and pages. Each of these individuals is trained and fully qualified to perform a specific function in the overall provision of library service to the residents of Orange County. In addition, the County Library maintains its own training program to assure acquaintance with system goals and continuity of practices and procedures in all its operations.

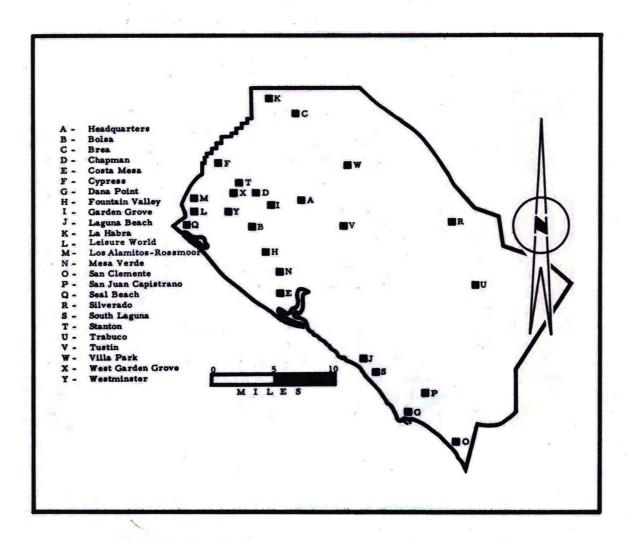
<u>Collection</u>. The book collection maintained by the County Library totals over 405 thousand volumes at this writing. But this total is not stable, for the collection is growing at a rate of approximately 2% per month to handle an ever increasing population.

<u>Capabilities.</u> The following pages catalog numerous examples of new branches which began life fully stocked and staffed to meet the requirements of patrons they had yet to register. This ability to identify and prepare for demands before they arise is precisely what distinguishes the County Library of today from its predecessor of forty-four years ago.

For example, well in advance of actual ground breaking in a community, the County Library can: determine the level and velocity of library service; pinpoint the most practical location for such service; specify the minimum requirements for a tailored collection; designate staffing; and delineate the most efficient facilities for present and future library requirements.

These capabilities reflect both the many years of direct contact with library service in Orange County by the Library's senior staff, and the library's intense effort to improve its techniques and translate the findings of other County Departments into improved library service.

System Organization. Presently all control of system operation is maintained from Headquarters. This centralization of control, though highly practical while the system was of relatively small scale, may lose efficiency as the tempo of operations increases. Thus, the County Library is beginning to move toward a decentralized mode of operation to facilitate the further improvements in service to each of the cities and communities served while strengthening the unity of system operations. Once this transition is complete, policies originating at Headquarters will be interpreted into service by the Community Branches as guided by the Area Branches. This is discussed under the topic TOMORROW and the section Organization for Action.



The Orange County Free Library System - 1965

In 1919 there were 11 Public Libraries serving select residents of Orange County. Of these, municipal libraries were operating in the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Orange, and Santa Ana; library districts were functioning with Buena Park, Placentia, and Yorba Linda as their centers; and subscription libraries were located in Buena Park and Westminster.

The Resolution establishing the Orange County Free Library was passed by the Board of Supervisors in December 1919. The intent of the Resolution and purpose of the Board was to provide free access to library materials for all citizens of the County not served by the above libraries and library districts-and to curtail the inefficient development of numerous small library systems; each dependent upon a separate tax base, and each lacking a pattern of coordinated growth. By September 1921, the County Library was in operation.

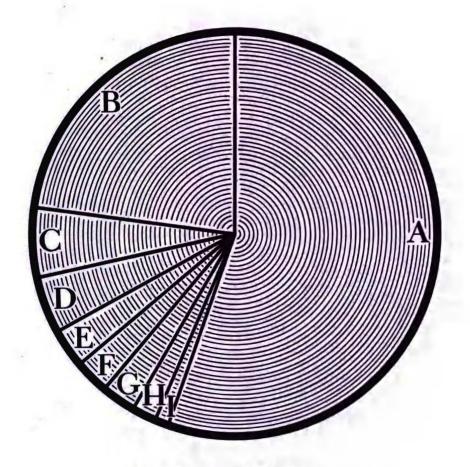
Today there are 10 Public Libraries in Orange County. Including with this number, the technical, special and school affiliated libraries in the County, creates a total of over 80. Of these, only the Public Libraries provide open access to their materials; the others cater to particular audiences with collections of unique, or highly specialized materials.

It is a credit to the efficiency of the Orange County Free Library that the development of additional public library jurisdictions was unnecessary; and, though the original municipal libraries and library districts continue to function; 22 of the 31 incorporated cities and unincorporated communities receiving library service in Orange County are served by branches of the County Library. Further, the tax-rate required by the County Library to sustain its operations compares very favorably with the average library tax-rate imposed by the county's independent municipal libraries and library districts.

Funding for the Orange County Free Library is derived solely from a tax levied on property in the County Library service area. There is no bonded indebtedness. The tax rate for the Fiscal Year 1965/66 was 18.41 cents per hundred dollars accessed valuation. This meant that all members of a family owning a home with a market value of \$20,000 were entitled to unlimited library service for \$9.20.

To property owners not served by the County Library, comparable service was made available for an average tax-rate of 22.78 cents per hundred dollars accessed valuation. To a family similar to the one in the example above, but not served by the County Library, this rate meant an average tax bill of \$11.39 for library service in Fiscal Year 1965/66.

In the following pages the extent of services provided and facilities maintained by the County Library are presented to show the magnitude of this total operation. How the County Library Tax Dollar was spent for Fiscal Year 1965/66 is shown in the figure opposite.



A - Salaries (55.4%)
B - Library Materials (23%)
C - Rents and Leases (5.5%)
D - Capital Improvements (4.5%)
E - Data Processing (3%)
F - Office Expense (2.9%)
G - Utilities (2.9%)
H - Fixed Assets (2.3%)
I - Miscellaneous (0.5%)

How the County Library Tax Dollar is Spent 1965-1966

Planning for the Future

The statistical information generated by the Orange County Free Library over the past 44 years readily lends itself to planning for future operations. But, before this information can be applied meaningfully, the two factors determining the demand for library service must be defined.

First, the demand for library service increases with each person added to the service area. But, library use is a function of community stability. To illustrate, before 1950, the annual population increase of Orange County was relatively steady. During that period, the average ratio of circulation-to-population was approximately 6 to 1. The new people who flooded the county in the '50's, and were unaware of the services of the County Library, lowered this ratio to 3 to 1. Since 1960, these people have become aware of the County Library, and the circulation-to-population ratio has begun to return to the historical 6 to 1. However, demand still lags supply. In view of this, the demand for library service can be expected to increase as the total county population continues to grow. And, in the near future, it is possible that there will be more patrons than the present system can efficiently handle. However, since 1963, greater emphasis has been placed on book expenditures to preclude demand overtaking supply.

Second, the level of education and background of the community determines the demand for library service. The pronounced shift in the background and occupation of the modern library patron will tend to increase the demand from the historical 6 to 1 ratio. Since 1940, the percentage of professional, and white collar workers in the county has almost doubled while that for farm, agricultural, and manual workers has fallen rapidly. The occupational groups in ascendency are not only better educated, their demand for information is greater to keep pace with the space age in which they live. To satisfy their requirements, this group reads more and the County Library supplies a major portion of the material they consume. This is reflected by the increased number of registered borrowers in today's County population.

Circulation. Future demand for library service is a function of combining the historical demand ratio of 6 to 1 with the knowledge that today's growing population is more library-use-oriented than it has been at any time in the past. The result is a minimum ratio of 8 to 1 for future periods of stability with the possibility of 9 or 10 to 1 if a renewal of the population explosion occurs. Translated into a minimum goal for the 1970's means approximately 10 million volumes will be circulated annually or over three times the present number.

New Branches. In terms of facilities, however, this projected circulation can only be seen as representing the areas now receiving service or to receive service in the coming fiscal year. Those areas which are uninhabited now, but will be populated in the future, present another level of service which can only be touched upon here.

To support a new branch library usually requires a general service population of 25,000 - 35,000 people. Applying this figure to the population expected between Costa Mesa and the San Diego County border by 1980, reveals a requirement of 30 new branches or a capital investment exceeding 8 million dollars (predicated on a 6,000 - 10,000 sq ft branch module requiring an initial investment of \$150,000 in real property; \$120,000 in books and furnishings; and, an operational budget of \$60,000 per year at today's wage scales).

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Statistics for Planning

Tomorrow

After responding for the past ten years to the demands of an unprecidented population explosion, the County Library has matured into a flexible, forward looking organization which is anxious to adopt new ideas for translation into improved library service. As the patterns of county growth have revealed new cities to be serviced and vast areas soon to become cities, the County Library has been able to comply with their needs.

Yet, as responsive as the County Library has been to community requirements, the sheer number of titles held in the system and the mass of related paper control became deterrents to system efficiency.

Electronic Data Processing. In reply to the problem of quantity, the County Library was quick to incorporate the latest tool in the inventory of modern library management - Electronic Data Processing (EDP). Through EDP, information read into computer can be rapidly retrieved in a variety of forms and sequences, each applicable to library operation.

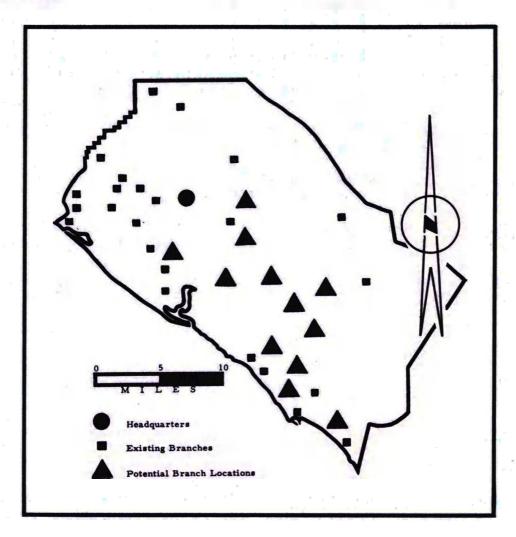
The first function of EDP in the County Library will be for acquisition control and inventory management of its many branch collections. A natural product of the information read into the computer for this initial operation is the compilation of a comprehensive book catalog. This book catalog will list all titles in the system, their disposition and location. Such a presentation will enable immediate patron access to the entire county collection and not merely that at his branch. Further, it will be possible to request bibliographic information by author, title, subject, branch, etc., to pinpoint collection deficiencies for corrective action and create bibliographies drawn from the system holdings.

In the far future, as EDP is fully integrated into library operations and county population reaches saturation, it is entirely conceivable that a completely automated library could evolve. This might be a science-fictionesque arrangement in which there would be no "library" in the traditional sense at all. Rather, each patron's home might contain a built-in television reader with print-out attachments, connected via radio or telephone circuit to a computer driven collection of microfilms. Titles of interest could then be selected by the patron for viewing or reproduction. Of course, such conjecture is predicated on an evolutionary process which is still in its infancy. Immediately, however, EDP will open the massive County Library collection, over 400 thousand volumes, to the patron of even the smallest bookmobile stop. And, consistent with this tremendous capability, will be the ability to respond with greater efficiency to patron requests as human errors are curtailed in search and retrieval functions.

New Branches. In terms of new cities, presently unpopulated regions or areas just entering the mainstream of county development, EDP will augment the present emphasis on turn-key branch establishment, e. g. the ability to provide a fully stocked and staffed library in response to community requirements. The prime difficulty encountered in projecting future branches is the lack of quantitative visibility in those areas which have yet to be fully tapped. Basically these areas are known, but the extent to which they will be populated within the next 10 years can only be stated in broad terms. The accompanying map delineates the branch development program which can be

expected in the coming period. The establishment of new branches will be shifted from the western and northern portions of the county to the central and south coast -- areas which today are relatively uninhabited.

System Organization. A highly centralized system driven from Headquarters was satisfactory while the library was growing. Today, however, both system size and the widely diversified interests and locations of the communities served, could be more efficiently handled in a decentralized mode of operation. Therefore, library service regions within the county have been delineated and large existing branch libraries have been designated Area Branches within these regions. These Area Branches, are in close contact with the communities being served. It is from this vantage point that they will direct operations within each of these regions. Under this new approach Headquarters, through its policies, procedures, and the centralization of administrative services, book acquisition, collection control, and cataloging will unify the system and foster greater efficiency in daily operations at all system levels.



The Orange County Free Library System - 1980

The County Community

The advantages inherent in centralized services to a large organization have long been recognized by librarians and administrators. To the Orange County Free Library such centralization is the key to future operations as a large integrated system. Therefore, as a Department of the County Government, the Library regularly draws on the expertize and acumen of many other County Departments to facilitate and expedite its operations. In addition, it is through the counsel and guidance of these Departments that the funds produced from taxation can be most effectively applied in an expanding program of library service to the citizens of Orange County.

The County Departments most often called upon by the County Library are indicated in the facing figure. The areas in which they work with the Library Department are detailed below:

Administrative Office. Reviews and evaluates budget requests and gives counsel on budgetary considerations. Evaluates Library requirements for EDP. Makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for Library Service Expansion.

Auditor - Controller. Establishes and maintains procedures for Library expenditures and disbursements. Performs periodic audits of Library fiscal practices. Issues periodic reports on Library expenditures.

Building & Safety. Provides consultation and guidance in the plans for, and the construction of new branch facilities.

Building Services. Assists Library in formulating long range space and building requirements. Establishes standards of custodial performance.

County Counsel. Renders legal opinions effecting Library policy. Provides a source of legal authority for forms, leases and other legal documents.

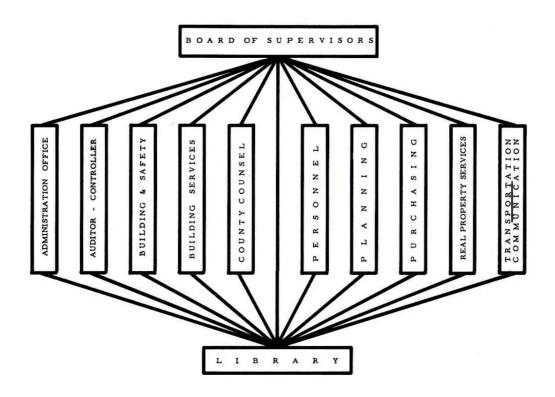
<u>Personnel</u>. Maintains the County Merit System Classification Plan. Recruits, examines and evaluates all applicants for employment at the Library.

<u>Planning.</u> Provides research on population patterns and trends within the County and community development for the expansion of Library service.

<u>Purchasing.</u> Arranges purchase contracts for library materials, insurance and bonds. Provides duplicating services.

Real Property Services. Aids the Library in determining the availability of sites to establish new branches. Prepares lease agreements including rental rate negotiation for lease facilities.

<u>Transportation & Communications.</u> Provides garage and vehicular services to the Library. Co-ordinates Library communications installations.



The Library in the County Community

Headquarters

The Headquarters of the Orange County Free Library, though relatively unknown to the patron, is the nerve center of the entire County Library System. Heading the system is the County Librarian, Mrs. Margaret Morrison. It is from her office that the goals and policy which become library service emanate. While the entire Orange County Free Library is directed by the County Librarian, system oriented operations and services are provided by five functional divisions at Headquarters (Administrative Services, Technical Services, Adult Services, Children's Services, and Reference Services).

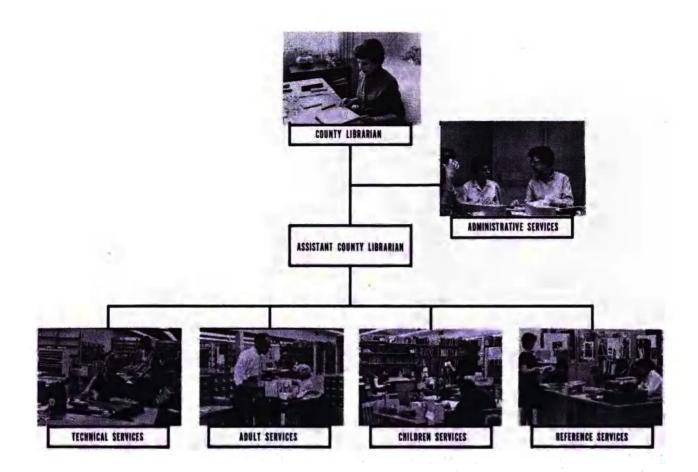
Administrative Services. This division provides general staff counsel in personnel, financial, and purchasing functions while maintaining liaison with other county departments and municipalities served by the County Library System. The preparation of payroll records and maintenance of statistical, inventory and employee records is also handled by this division. Further, Administrative Services coordinates the system's in-service training program; provides PBX services; and ships and receives library materials and other supplies.

Technical Services. Of the five divisions at Headquarters, only this one actually handles each volume added to the system, regardless of its source. Here each volume is analyzed for content, entered into the catalog, and prepared for subsequent distribution to the branch or Headquarters collection for which it had been earmarked. This division also provides book mending and bindery services to the system.

Adult and Children's Services. These two divisions are essentially parallel operations dealing with materials tailored to the ages of their readers. It is through their efforts that collection disposition and quality are continuously reviewed. Direct products of this continuing surveillance are: the control of individual volume location within the system; the pinpointing of collection deficiencies for corrective action; the supervision of book selection; collection building, and weeding. Due to the contact with the branches, and the coordination with system objectives requisite to these functions, close liaison is maintained between Adult and Children's Services Divisions and Administrative Services.

Reference Services. This division and its Reference Center is a response to the growing county-wide need for a strong subject collection which will form a source of research materials "in-depth" for the serious library patron. The Reference Center is founded on a solid collection of over 30,000 volumes, excluding business guides, directories, and its extensive pamphlet collection. It is also a depository for Federal and State Documents and has active subscriptions to over 500 periodicals. Thus, the Reference Center can reinforce the individual branch reference sections by filling subject requests, performing specialized reference service and, through training, book selection and branch collection organization.

These Headquarters services, with one exception - the Reference Center, are system oriented. Manning Headquarters operations are 26 professional librarians, 3 library assistants, 38 clerks, and 3 pages.



Headquarters Organization

The Area Branches, though already designated, have yet to enter fully into the roles designed for them. In the present transitional phase these branches are being encouraged to enrichen their collections with an eye to the future and an emphasis has been placed on the professional staffing. The branches presently in this category are:

* Chapman

* San Clemente

* Costa Mesa

* Tustin

* Laguna Beach

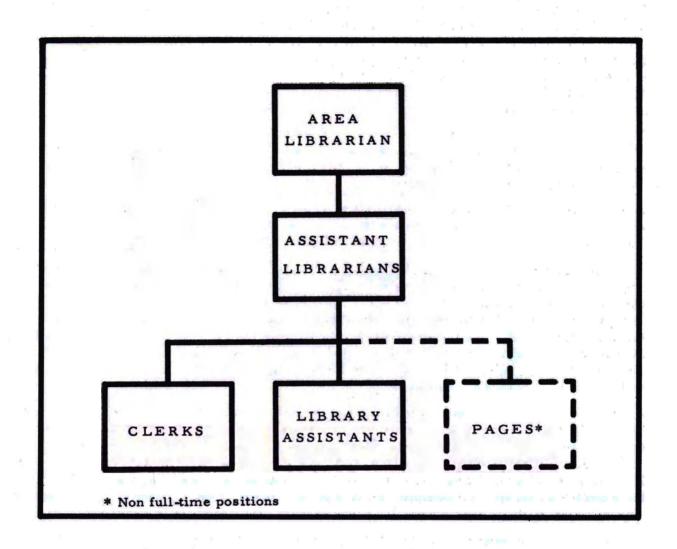
* Westminster

* La Habra

Their future responsibilities, however, do not detract from their present operations. The Area Branches are in every sense of the word, branch libraries offering full library service to their patrons. In fact, as a product of the collections and quality of personnel being fostered at these branches, they are slowly becoming able to provide services beyond previous expectations. Their strategic locations within the county enhances the level of service available to the patron who is willing to leave his immediate branch area for service on materials he would have had to wait weeks for in an earlier period.

The proposed staffing of a typical Area Branch, shown in the figure opposite, depicts a team of highly trained and specialized professionals. Because of the collection breadth required and the ultimate command function into which the Area Branch will move, professional back-up is given the librarian in children's work, reference and reader's service. Within this framework, public service, reader's guidance and more specialized library routines will be handled by library assistants; while clerks will perform filing, book charging and discharging, and general clerical duties.

The Area Branch will be the community headquarters for specialized service and extensive collections of books, periodicals, and special pamphlets. And, to insure the effectiveness and efficiency of Area Branch operation, periodic re-evaluation of area service is necessary to tailor the development of new library service to the community. Because of the important role played by the Area Branches in the County Library System, it is necessary that Area Branches be designated before implementing new or expanded library service.



Typical Area Branch Organization

These are the foundation stones on which the system stands. The Community Branch provides a source of new and interesting materials for the browser and the patron who seeks diversion or recreation through books. It is at this grass roots level that library service begins and it is in view of this that every effort has been focussed on improving service in the branch. Excluding Area Branches, there are currently 17 branches in the system. Manning those branches there are 76 staff members plus pages.

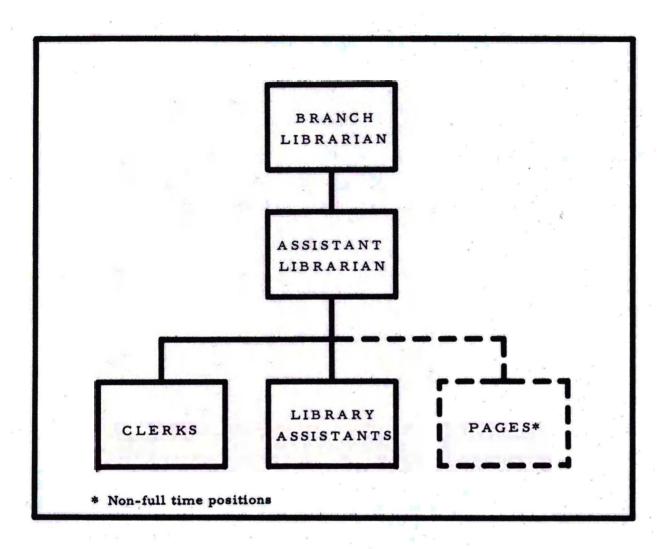
The branch's primary responsibility is service to its patrons. Beyond this, however, the branch librarian is active in his community not only as book reviewer and school lecturer, but entering into special events . . . and moderating many community activities.

Each branch fosters a Friends of the Library group to aid in the development of unique services. The stated purpose of these Friends groups is to "encourage community interest in, and support of, library needs and services."

Because of the importance of branch operations and the system goal of making its total resources available to all its patrons a new method of cataloging the collection will soon be in use. This will be the computer generated book catalog which will open the full County Library collection to the patron of a small branch who had previously only been made aware of the immediate holdings. In addition, this book catalog will help solve the problem of getting the title requested since those branches in possession of copies will be indicated to expedite intra-system loans.

As previously indicated this is a system in transition. In view of this, and the wide range of communities being served, the individual branches run an entire gamut of physical facilities, collection sizes and levels of service provided. Staffing requirements too are a reflection of this. Service to an isolated rural area does not demand the full time professional staff members that would be required for an urban community. Therefore not all branches are staffed with professional librarians nor even open full time.

Beyond serving the public, these branches are uniquely aware of the communities in which they are located. From this vantage point they are able to inform Headquarters of reading trends and service demands so the back-up tailored for their specific area can be anticipated and planned for.



Typical Community Branch Organization

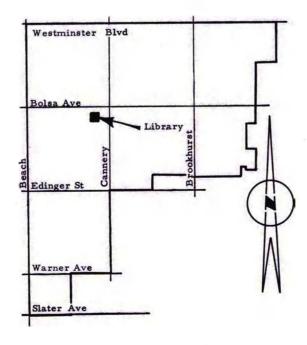
The Bolsa Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves residents of Westminster, Midway City, and Barber City. It began operation on <u>September 1, 1935</u>. Its first librarian was Mrs. Anna Van Steenberg.

Orginally the Midway City Branch, this branch was renamed in 1964 when it moved to its present quarters in the Bolsa Shopping Center. In the thirty years between 1935 and 1964, the Bolsa Branch may have grown, but its location did not change. The collection was first housed at the rear of a small building which had been constructed as a real estate office. This spartan beginning was soon insufficient and, by 1937, the branch occupied the entire building. In the following fifteen years these quarters, though cramped, did permit reasonably efficient community library service to be maintained. By 1952, however, the demand for library service at this branch was over three times its 1937 level. To meet this demand the branch was enlarged and remodeled and the collection expanded. Public response to this improvement was immediate. Even these improvements, however, were soon inadequate in view of the population explosion which began in 1954 and continued to the present.

In 1964 a new, larger site was occupied and the collection more than doubled to further meet the community demands for library service. This new site has been planned to accommodate the continued growth of this area for the next ten years. Such planning for the future by the County Library is possible through the use of commercial techniques, such as population surveys and projections, to establish service levels today to keep pace with community expansion.

The new Bolsa Library has set several precedents in the County System. It reflects what might be termed 'the new look'. Carpeting, air-conditioning, a separate area set aside as a reader's lounge, and a centrally-located librarian's office which permits surveillance of the entire library are features which set it in sharp contrast to the traditional library; and furthermore, are features which facilitate library use and effective library administration.

The future of library service to this area will be closely tied to the development of the City of Westminster Civic Center.



FACILITIES

Age

New

Area

6,000 sq ft

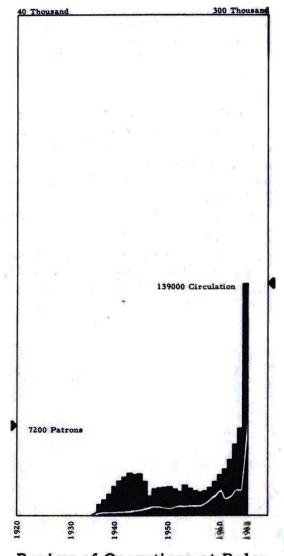
Features

Air conditioning;

Carpeting; 46 parking

spaces; 2367 ft of

shelving



Review of Operations at Bolsa



The Bolsa Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	7305
Juvenile	7287
Total	14592

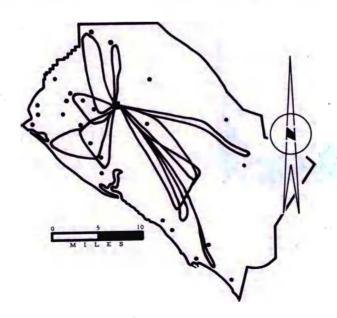
STAFF

Library Assistants	3.5
Clerks	2.5
Pages	2

The Bookmobiles, or mobile branch libraries of the Orange County Free Library provide service to residents of the county who are not in the regular service area of an established county branch. This service was established in 1959 with Miss Martine Hornburg the first librarian. As there are several unique aspects to bookmobile service it might be well to digress slightly at this point. The vehicle, Gerstenslager model P-2800, is specially fitted for this type of operation. Its stacks are open and laid out to promote browsing. A single vehicle holds approximately 2500 volumes in addition to the same equipment for checking books in and out as a stationary branch. Normally two persons man a bookmobile. At the bookmobile's home base there is a back-up collection of approximately 20 thousand volumes which are continually rotated with the traveling collections to assure variety for the patron. Requests, interlibrary loans and other services usually associated with branch library operation are all provided to the patron with but one reservation; there is a seven day lag during which the bookmobile completes its circuit before returning to the requestor's stop.

At the outset this service consisted of a single bookmobile covering some 100 miles per week and catering to the needs of slightly more than 300 people. As this was but an introduction, it came as no surprise that at the end of the first year patronage had increased almost eight times. A second vehicle was placed in operation in 1962. Since that date the demand has increased almost weekly so that, in 1965, almost 12 thousand county residents were using this service which by that time was circulating 163 thousand volumes annually.

In addition to reaching citizens in the lesser developed areas of the county, patron service in this flexible manner has a very valuable by-product. Population centers requiring separate branch facilities have become evident and properly responded to, as in the case of West Garden Grove.



FACILITIES

Vehicles

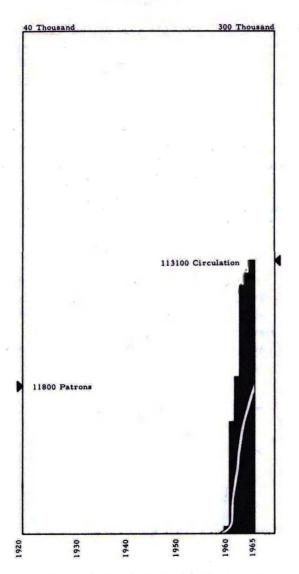
2 Gerstenslager P-2800 Bookmobiles - Each of

2500 Volume Capacity

Base

Area - Approx. 900 sq ft Features - Immediate access to Reference Center

Materials



Review of Bookmobile Operations



Though all stops are special, this one typifies Bookmobile Service.

COLLECTION

Adult	8570
Juvenile	12860
Total	21430

STAFF

Professional Librarians	1
Library Assistants	4
Clerks	2

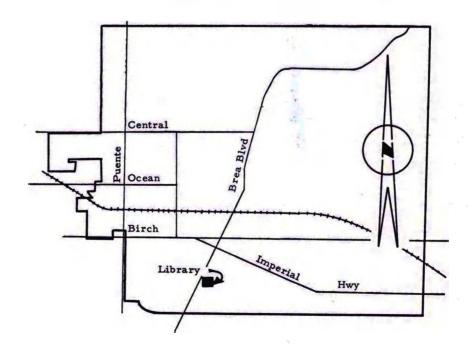
The Brea Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves residents of Brea and citizens living in adjacent unincorporated areas. It is one of the system's oldest branches having been established on October 11. 1921. Mrs. Anna McVeigh was its first librarian.

The collection was housed initially in rented quarters and boasted a reading room. These advanced facilities had their effect and by 1922 the Brea Branch had an overwhelming 521 patrons who read almost 7,000 books annually! To assist the reader to find his book, a card catalog was initiated in 1925. By 1929 patronage had doubled and circulation had quadrupled. To cope with these increases, the library was moved that same year to a larger, more centralized location in the new city hall.

The city hall location was occupied by the Brea Branch until again the pressures of a growing population were felt. In 1953, the library was moved to its own building, which incidentally was patterned after the recently finished County Branch Building in Costa Mesa. By this time all of Orange County was caught up in an unprecedented population expansion. The Brea Branch and its counterparts throughout the county were unable to serve their patrons efficiently. Inadequate space, lack of parking, and a collection predicated on the reading requirements of less than a thousand patrons dictated an expanded collection and larger, more conveniently situated quarters.

The present site in the Brea Shopping Center was occupied in 1962. This is one of the new breed of branches to be located in shopping centers where ample parking is available and patrons can use their library with "one stop" convenience.

The Brea Branch of tomorrow will depend on annexations and development of the city. The primary factor in projecting future library service is population. To meet an increased demand for service, the County Library standards include making available two books per person in the service community and facilities requirements predicated on collection size and frequency of use.



FACILITIES

Age

5 years

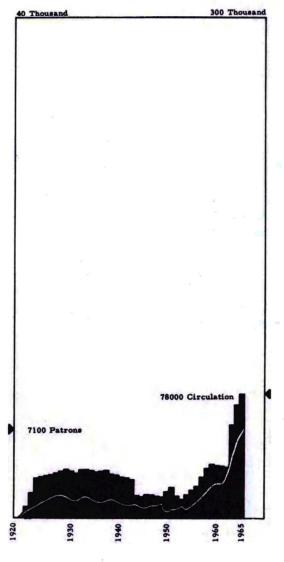
Area

3,150 sq ft

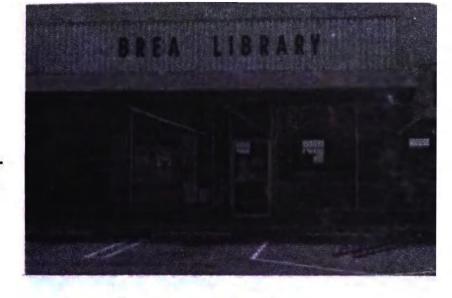
Features

Evaporative cooling system, Ample shop-

ping center parking; 2176 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Brea



The Brea Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult 7505
Juvenile 6263

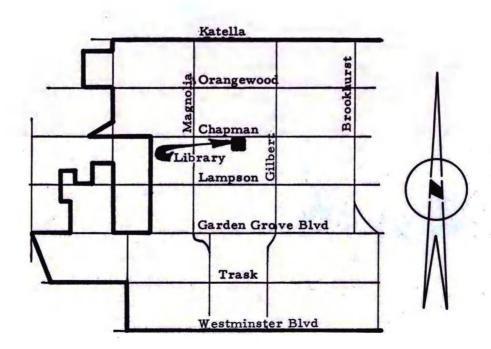
Total 13768

STAFF

Library Assistants 3
Clerks 1.5
Pages 2

The Chapman Branch of the Orange County Free Library is one of three County Library branches serving the citizens of Garden Grove and adjacent unincorporated areas. Its companions are the Garden Grove Central and West Garden Grove Branches. The Chapman Branch was opened in February 1964. Mrs. Harriet Scheldrup was its first librarian. Named for the street on which it is located, this branch is an Area Branch serving the north and central portion of Garden Grove. As with so many other new branches in the county, it exemplifies the progressive approach to library service taken by your County Library System.

Before actually selecting a site for this branch, the demand for library service was met by the County Library bookmobile. And it was due in large measure to the bookmobile operation that the demand for service was established and the level of that service and resultant book collection size were The Chapman Branch occupies its own building, ultimately determined. which was constructed by the city and has been specially designed for library service. Many of its features are relatively new in library structures and definitely reflect a break with traditional library concepts. Air-conditioning, reader's lounge area and patio, distinct ample collections for adults and young folk, and the visually open librarian's office to promote supervisory efficiency in library operation are all relatively new approaches. In addition to printed materials and reader services, this branch has audio and typing rooms which contribute to this Branch's community service. And, as Garden Grove continues to grow, the Chapman Branch was designed to be expanded to 10,000 square feet to accommodate the patrons of the future.



FACILITIES

Age

New

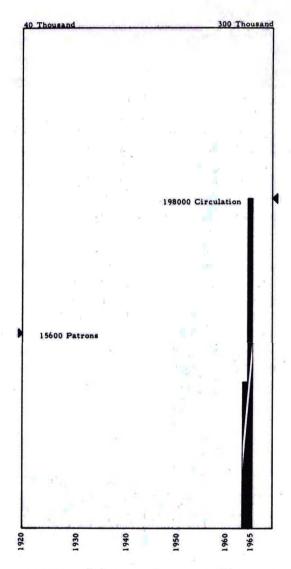
Area

5,000 sq ft

Features

Air conditioning; Separate staff and

public patios; 30 parking spaces; 3,092 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Chapman



The Chapman Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	10209
Juvenile	9521
Total	19730

STAFF

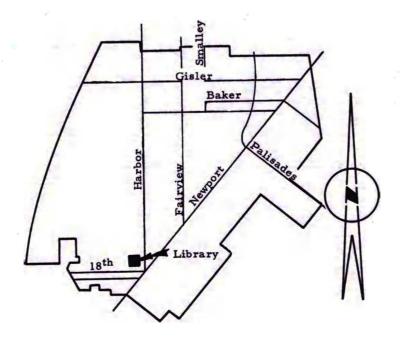
Professional Librarians	2
Library Assistants	4
Clerks	4
Pages	3

The Costa Mesa Branch of the Orange County Free Library is one of two branches serving the citizens of Costa Mesa and outlying county territory. Its companion branch is Mesa Verde. The Costa Mesa Branch, originally Harper-Fairview, was established in 1921 and is one of the oldest branches in the County Library System. Miss Sarah Conant was its first librarian.

Not only a 'pioneer' branch in the County Library System, the Costa Mesa Branch was unique for it began operations in its own building. By 1925 a card catalog was underway to facilitate patron use. As with the other branches in the County System, this branch contributed greatly to the quest for new skills felt so greatly during the depression and continued to show annual increases in patronage through World War II. By 1950 this pattern of growth had made the original building obsolete. The library was moved to new and much larger quarters in November 1951.

As was true throughout Orange County, the tremendous population explosion of the '50's hit Costa Mesa with full force so that, within ten years, the library facilities were again insufficient. To respond to the increased requirements, a new building was constructed at the present location in 1960. However, in the face of a continued population expansion and the opening of new residential areas, a further need for library service was felt. To augment the branch facilities, the County Library began bookmobile service to Costa Mesa in 1959. Subsequently, the Mesa Verde Branch was constructed, with its collection and staffing determined by bookmobile experience in the intervening period.

Costa Mesa is one of the large cities served by the County Library. To fulfill the future demands for library service to the citizens of Costa Mesa, extensive planning has been undertaken. Growing out of these plans will be a 10,000-20,000 square foot branch. In addition to enlarged facilities, special attention has been paid to the reading requirements of the Costa Mesa resident. Deeply engaged in space, advanced electronic and sophisticated technological pursuits these patrons form a highly urbanized group which demands a literary diet equal to the education and specialized interests.

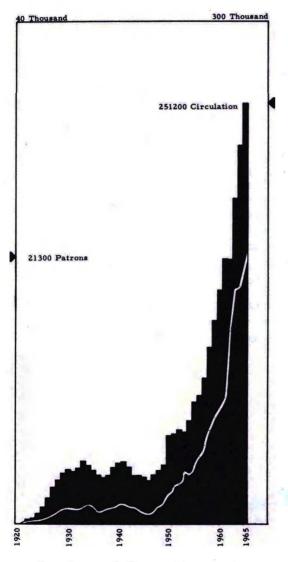


Age Area 4 years 6,373 sq ft

Features

17 parking spaces;

3,500 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Costa Mesa



The Costa Mesa Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	19711
Juvenile	11703
Total	31414

Professional Librarians	1
Library Assistants	4
Clerks	4.5
Pages	3

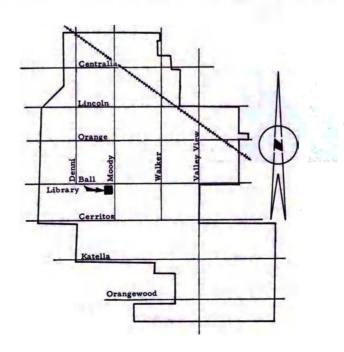
The Cypress Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the city of Cypress and citizens residing in adjacent county territory. The Cypress Branch was originally a school branch, which began operation on December 6, 1921. The school location was closed upon the opening of a community branch on July 7, 1933. The first librarian was Mrs. Clara King.

At first the library was open but one hour per day, but the demand for reading material through the depression required longer hours of operation and larger facilities. On November 15, 1937 these demands were met. The branch was moved to its own building and began a full time schedule. Library service to Cypress continued from these quarters until the '50's, when the population boom hit. Almost overnight circulation doubled and patron registration was on the upswing.

In response to this growing load, the branch was relocated on Lincoln Avenue in 1952. This new site made available more parking and increased floor space, both of which contributed to greater library use. However, the population continued to grow and by the '60's pressure for larger quarters was again felt. Circulation was twice that of 1952, and there were three times as many registered patrons. In 1965 a new building constructed by the city for library use was leased to the county for a ten year term. By this date circulation was eight times that of 1952, and there were six times as many patrons!

Cypress' continued growth is reflected in the constantly increasing demand for educational, job oriented, and recreational materials by the adult community. And, if the tremendous response to juvenile library service can be used as an indicator of future library patronage, the present rate of increase can be expected to continue for several years to come.

Future patron requirements will dictate the size of the permanent Cypress branch which probably will be housed in the city's civic center. Current projections for this branch indicate a structure of 10,000-15,000 square feet.



Age

New

Area

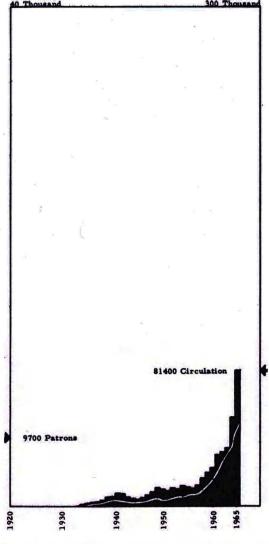
6,000 sq ft

Features

Air-conditioning;

41 parking spaces; Audio rooms; 3,600

ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Cypress



The Cypress Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	4993
Juvenile	5368

Total 10361

Library Assistants	3.5
Clerks	2.5
Pages	2

The Dana Point Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the community of Dana Point and adjoining county areas. It began operation on October 1. 1938 with Mrs. Laura Louise Russell its first librarian.

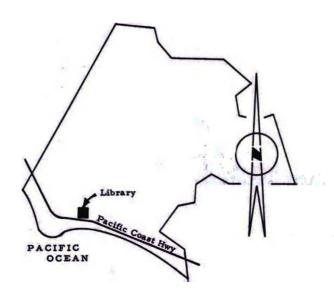
The first residence of this branch was in the old post office on the highway. Within the first year patron response was such that these quarters were remodeled. In the years following and through World War II, library use at this branch continued to grow at a very accelerated rate. This growth pattern was broken with the end of the war and was not renewed until the outbreak of the Korean Conflict.

In 1950, the library moved to the Herbert Caldwell Building on the Plaza. There, with ample parking and enlarged facilities, it entered the population boom of the '50's. By 1956 patronage at the Dana Point Branch had increased fourfold and circulation almost doubled the 1950 figures.

To cope with this growth, the library was moved that same year to its present location, adjacent the new post office. To further handle the growing demand for library service, full-time operation was begun the following year (1957), a pattern which has continued to the present.

In addition to library service for permanent residents in the service community, the Dana Point Branch also provides for the reading requirements of summer visitors and military personnel stationed near-by. This extension of basic library service is made possible through temporary patron registration.

The future growth of this county area is presently being shaped by land developers and County Planners. The results of their efforts will dictate future requirements for both building and book collection of the Dana Point Branch.



Age

8 years

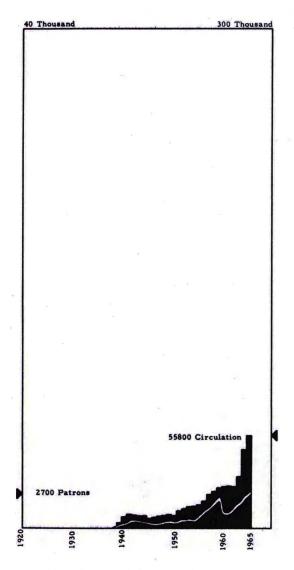
Area

1,200 sq ft

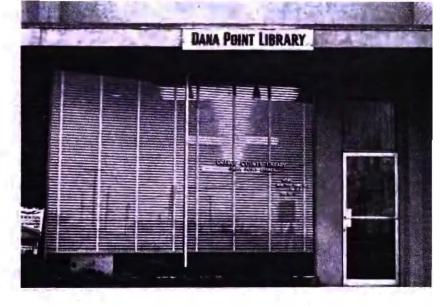
Features

Ample street parking;

872 ft of shelving



Review of operations at Dana Point



The Dana Point Branch Library

COLLECTION

2854
3421

Total 6275

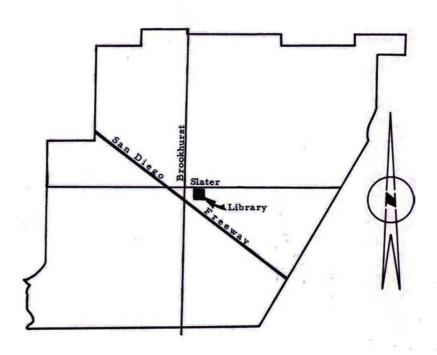
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Library Assistants 2.5 Pages 1 The Fountain Valley Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the city of Fountain Valley and residents of adjacent county areas. It began operation in <u>December 1964</u>. <u>Mrs. Dorise Jesko</u> was its first librarian.

County Library service to this area began as early as 1921 (at the Talbert School), and from 1959 to 1964 was provided through bookmobile service. Thus, this community branch, constructed by the city for lease to the county, is the first to be opened in Fountain Valley. In fact, the branch facility is as new as the city itself having opened with the Fountain Valley City Hall.

Reflecting its newness, the library building in the Civic Center has incorporated many concepts which break with the old traditional library structure of the past. The layout of the Fountain Valley Branch, reflects many features which are conducive to full use of the library by all members of the family. Among these features are brightly illuminated lounge areas, distinct and liberally-spacious stack areas for both adults and children, and a centrally-located librarian's office to facilitate library operation.

The collection, too, is a product of modern library techniques. The selection of titles and depth of subject coverage were determined from experience gained during bookmobile operations in Fountain Valley and from close contact with local residents. As a result of this approach it was possible to begin service with an adequate initial collection (one book per capita) tailored to the needs of the community.



Age Area New

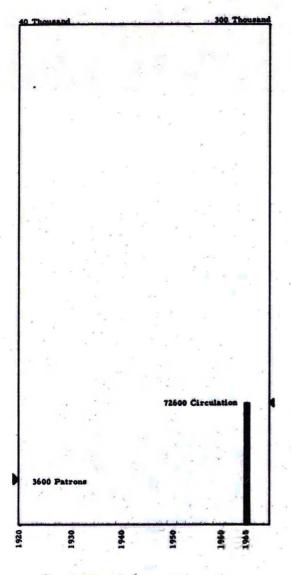
Area Features 5,200 sq ft

Air conditioning;

Carpeting; 20 parking spaces; Audio & typing

rooms; 2, 116 ft of

shelving



Review of Operations at Fountain Valley



The Fountain Valley Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult		6026
Juvenile		7549
Total	*	13575

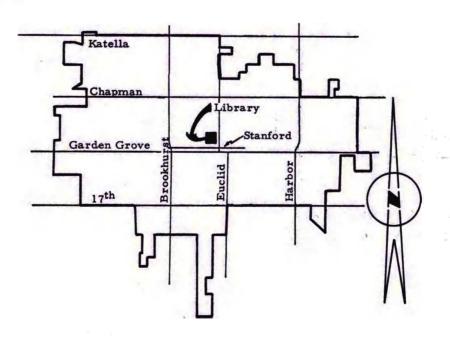
Library Assi	stants	3.5
Clerks		2.5
Pages		2

The Garden Grove Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves both the city of Garden Grove and residents of adjacent county areas. It is the oldest of the three county branches serving this community. (The Chapman and West Garden Grove Branches are its companions.) Established on October 25, 1921, this branch is one of the oldest in the system. Mrs. Pearl Haskins was its first librarian.

Its original quarters were a room in the YMCA Building at the corner of Ocean and Walnut. From the outset, the branch was a success and at the end of the first year almost 4,000 volumes had circulated to 383 patrons. A pattern had been established. In 1929 the room was enlarged and redecorated to handle a growing patronage, but this was soon insufficient.

The library was moved to still larger quarters in the Chamber of Commerce Building in 1933, where library use seemed to stabilize, at least for the duration of the depression. With the onslaught of World War II, there was a lag in demand, which was suddenly reversed at the war's end. By 1947 circulation was equal to any previous high, and by 1950 it was 50% again larger. Patronage, too, had increased to equal any previous high. In 1952 the library was moved to quarters in a new building at its present location to handle these increases, but even the new location was insufficient in the face of the population explosion of the '50's. By 1956 the library occupied the entire building and in 1958 a children's wing was added. Still demand continued to grow and, to alleviate the load partially, bookmobile service to Garden Grove was initiated in 1959, but even this was soon inadequate. 1964 saw the opening of two additional branches in Garden Grove, and plans have been made for this branch to expand further in an effort to serve the community more efficiently.

Garden Grove is the largest city served by the County Library today. Current planning with officials of the city of Garden Grove indicates the replacement of this branch with a major area structure of 15,000 - 20,000 sq ft in the city Civic Center.

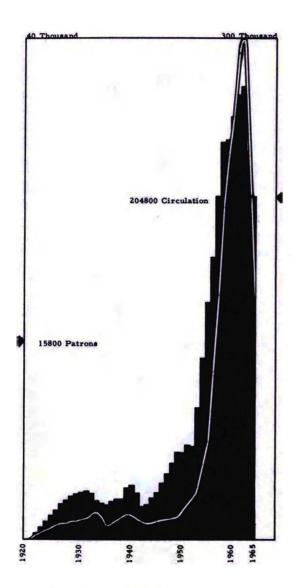


Age Area 12 years 3,200 sq ft

Features

9 parking spaces

1,840 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Garden Grove



The Garden Grove Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	13517
Juvenile	9405
Total	22922

Library Assistants	5
Clerks	3. 5
Pages	3

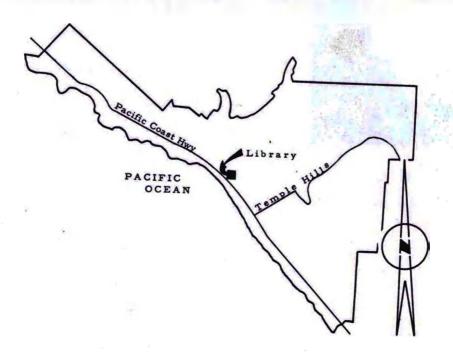
The Laguna Beach Branch of the Orange County Free Library, serves the city of Laguna Beach and residents of the surrounding county territory. It is one of the oldest branches in the system having begun operation on October 25, 1921. Mrs. Lucie V. Boyle was its first librarian.

A small frame building, on First Street just off Forrest, housed the collection. The art colony responded immediately to the new library and, by 1924, circulation was almost 15,000 volumes per year. To facilitate further use of the collection, a card catalog was begun the following year (1925) and to keep pace with the growing demand for library service, the building was completely remodeled in 1928.

With the outset of the depression, the Laguna Beach Branch became both a source of information for job seekers, and a center for vocational classes taught under the emergency education program. In a continuing effort to insure expedient service, the first Gaylord book charging machine (the device which prints your card number on the book card) in county use went into operation at Laguna Beach in 1937. By 1939, book circulation was over 60,000 volumes per year; the library was again remodeled and another room added.

Throughout World War II and for a few years following it, the demand for library service increased but slightly; in fact, there was a very small decline at the end of the Korean Incident. However, by then the original accomodations were inadequate and new library facilities were under construction by the city for lease to the county. For a brief period in 1953, the Laguna Branch occupied a temporary location at 987 South Coast, while awaiting completion of this new building. The new and present site was occupied in 1954.

Today, as since its inception, County Library Service to this intellectually active city has been overwhelmingly received as shown by a patron registration of almost 100% of the total population. This factor and the opening for occupancy of new tracts of land on the fringes of the art colony have made new, enlarged library facilities a requirement. The search for a new site for a permanent Laguna Beach Branch is now in its second year.



Age

9 years

Area

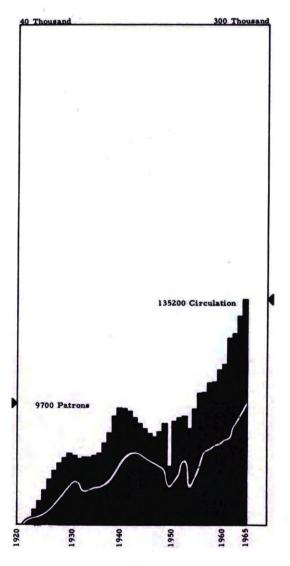
2,205 sq ft

Features

Ample street and City parking lot parking;

Patio; 1,685 ft of

shelving



Review of Operations at Laguna Beach



The Laguna Beach Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	14049
Juvenile	4867
Total	18916

Professional Librarians	1
Library Assistants	3
Clerks	2
Pages	2

The La Habra Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the citizens of La Habra and residents of surrounding county territory. It is one of the oldest branches in the system, having been established on November 8, 1921.

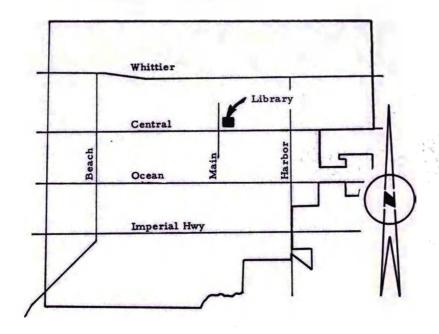
Mrs. Frederick B. Drake was its first librarian.

It was originally housed in the Citizens National Bank with a collection of 481 volumes. By 1925 a card catalog to facilitate reader use of the collection was begun, and in 1929 the collection was moved into new quarters - a frame building one-half block north of Central Avenue. By this date the collection had grown to 2, 394 volumes.

The depression years imposed a heavy load on the La Habra Branch facilities and, by the mid '30's, it was decided that a larger building was to be constructed in a joint city-county WPA Prodject and, in 1937, the library on Erna and Hiatt was occupied.

As with many other branches of the County System, the years of World War II saw a decline in library patronage. However, the population boom of the '50's completely reversed this earlier pattern and, by 1958, it was necessary to open the basement of the La Habra Branch for use as a children's section, and remodel the building. In the short seven years since that date, patronage has increased fourfold and circulation has doubled.

Shortly La Habra will have a new branch library building to properly serve its highly literate population. This new structure, to be constructed by the city for lease to the county, will be located directly in front of the existing facility. It will be one of the most modern branches in the County System, with approximately 8,000 sq ft of floor space and a capacity in excess of 50,000 volumes. In addition to the provision of book materials, the La Habra Branch will feature audio and typing rooms, separate adult and juvenile sections, carpeting and air-conditioning.

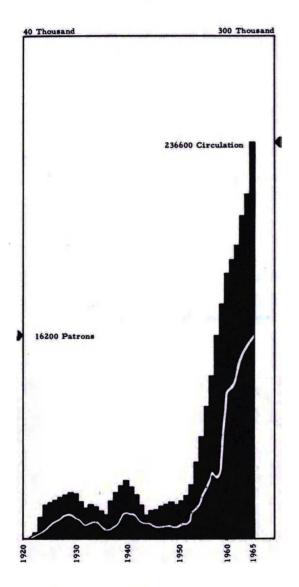


Age Area 27 years 2,800 sq ft

Features

Ample street parking;

1,302 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at La Habra



The La Habra Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	H p	12909
Juvenile		8542
Total		21415

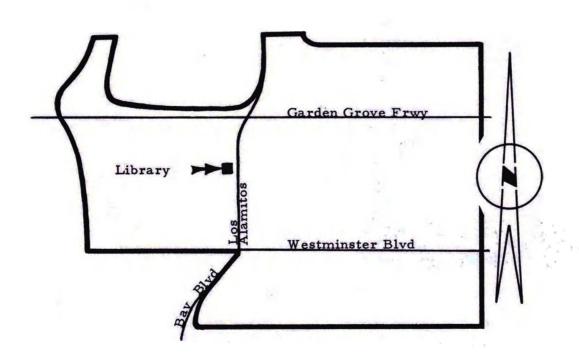
Professional Librarians	1
Library Assistants	4.5
Clerks	4.5
Pages	3

The Leisure World (Seal Beach) Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the residents of both Leisure World and the city of Seal Beach. It began operation in <u>January of 1963</u>. <u>Mrs. Vera Christensen</u> was the first librarian of the Leisure World Branch.

Initially, the library occupied a room in the Medical Building, within the Leisure World compound. Its reception by the community has been overwhelming and the steady growth of patronage is a reflection of this. In contrast to the circulation of slightly less than 10,000 volumes in its first year of operation were the 70,000 volumes circulated in 1964/1965. Such a growth rate could only underline the need for expanded facilities.

In November 1965, the Leisure World Branch moved to more spacious quarters in the Leisure World Shopping Center. In addition to the increased size to permit collection expansion and facilitate browsing, the new location has greatly improved parking, a reading area for patrons, and carpeting for noise reduction, all of which complete an atmosphere conducive to greater library use.

This move has also made library service available to citizens of Seal Beach living outside of Leisure World. At the present the collection, and level of service of the Leisure World Branch has been aimed at satisfying the reading requirements of a dominantly adult community.



New

Age Area

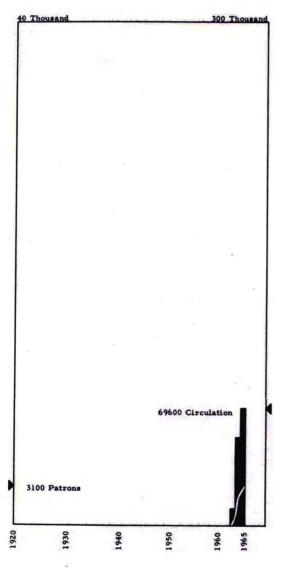
1,220 sq ft

Features

Air-conditioning;

Carpeted; Shopping center parking; 1,040

ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Leisure World



The Leisure World Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	4952
Juvenile	81

Total 5033

Library	Assistants	2
Clerks		1
Pages	Ŷ	1

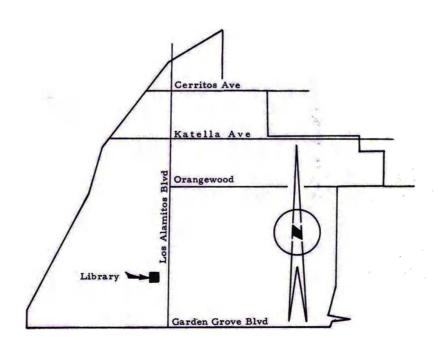
The Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves residents of the city of Los Alamitos and Rossmoor county territory. Although the County System had given library service to the Laurel School as early as 1921, it wasn't until <u>January 1, 1935</u> that a community branch was established at Laurel School. The first librarian of the Los Alamitos Branch was <u>Mrs. Grace Green</u>.

As this branch was opened in direct response to the increased reading requirements of the depression, it is no surprise that peak circulation was hit immediately and that the initial quarters were inadequate. To handle these demands, the library was moved to a larger building in February 1941. As had been expected, circulation tripled the following year.

The years through World War II and the Korean Incident saw a complete cessation of growth. The library was moved on September 15, 1950 to the Post Office Building, where it was later to occupy larger, remodeled quarters in 1956. By this time the entire county was well into the population explosion of the '50's and Los Alamitos was soon to be caught up in this phenomenon.

In 1959 circulation had doubled and patronage increased four times. In 1962 even these figures had doubled and to respond to this unprecedented growth, a new building designed for library use at the Rossmoor Shopping Center was occupied in April 1962. At this point the library became the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Branch.

This branch operates today as our key branch at the western edge of Orange County. Increases to the book collection and professionalization of staff will respond to local reader levels. And, in line with future demand, there is ample room for structural expansion if this becomes necessary.



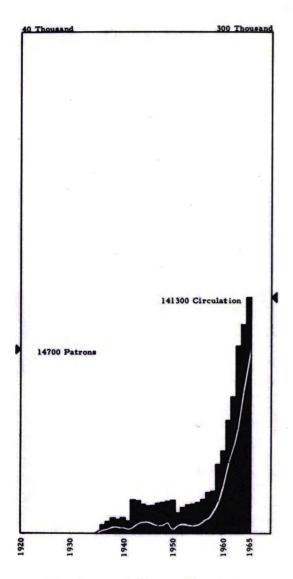
Age Area 2 years 5,000 sq ft

Features

19 parking spaces;

2,950 ft of shelving; Air-conditioning;

Audio rooms



Review of Operations at Los Alamitos-Rossmoor



The Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	10679
Juvenile	8383
Total	19062

Library Assistants	4
Clerks	3
Pages	2.5

The Mesa Verde Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves residents of north Costa Mesa, and complements the service to south Costa Mesa by the Costa Mesa Branch. It is one of the most recent additions to the County Library System, having been opened November 1, 1965 with Miss Esther Burch its first librarian. This facility was constructed by the city of Costa Mesa for lease to the County Library.

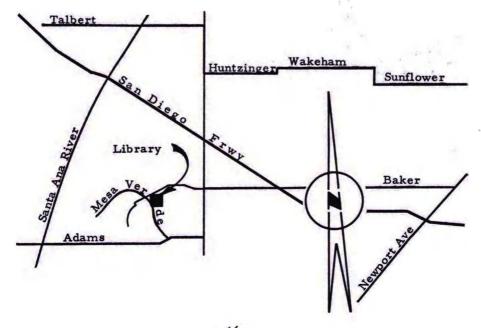
The bold architectural beauty of the Mesa Verde building is, in itself, but an indication of the functional competence of its interior. To facilitate operations, there are large work areas for the storage and preparation of library materials. Staff offices have been strategically placed to permit operational surveillance of the collection and reading areas. The circular circulation desk is another new concept which contributes to efficient library management.

Proper lighting, a prime consideration for library structures, has been insured, by day, through the extensive use of glass and, by night, through flush flourescent and clustered incandescent fixtures. Disturbing noise, always a problem in libraries, has been curtailed by separating children and adult sections, each with its own collection, and by the use of deep pile carpeting. Further, the "split level" reader's lounge, where new materials and magazines are attractively presented for browsing, encourages informal library use with minimal distraction to the serious patron.

Since the Mesa Verde building has been designed for the future, there are ample provisions for collection expansion. In addition, this branch features an audio room, 2 public patios, and off-the-street parking for almost 100 automobiles.

The location of the Mesa Verde Branch is, in large measure, due to experience gained through bookmobile service in this area. The size and coverage of the collection also reflect experience gained from direct community contact so that a well-equipped library entered full service from its very first day.

The Mesa Verde Branch looks forward to a future of efficient community service and, fortified by the total capabilities of the Orange County Free Library, knows it can do so.



Age

New

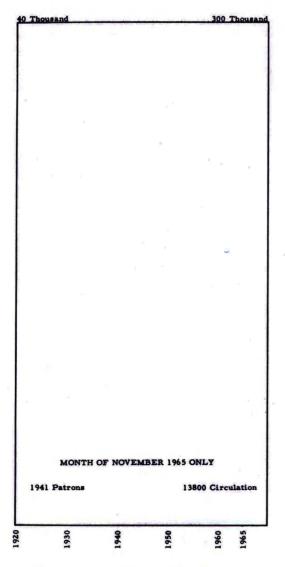
Area

6,500 sq ft

Features Air-conditioning;

85 parking spaces; 3 level construction; Carpeted; 5,311 ft

of shelving



Review of Operations at Mesa Verde



The Mesa Verde Branch Library

COLLECTION

 Adult
 5468

 Juvenile
 6038

 Total
 11506

Professional Librarians	1
Library Assistants	3
Clerks	3.5
Pages	2

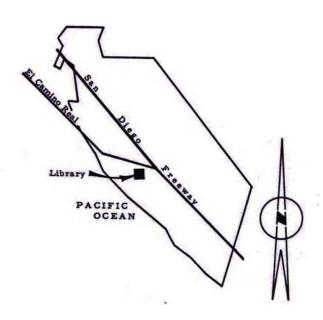
The San Clemente Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the citizens of San Clemente and surrounding county territory. It was established in 1928 with Mrs. Loral H. Caskey its first librarian.

The first residence of the San Clemente Branch was the butler's pantry in the then new community club house. Early growth was relatively slow and so it wasn't until 1940 that larger quarters on the club house's enclosed veranda were occupied. As had been the case through the depression, library patronage grew very slowly during World War II and to the Korean Incident. By 1950 this trend was broken. Circulation almost doubled in two years, and the former quarters were rapidly becoming obsolete.

The San Clemente Branch moved from the community club house to a new building in May of 1951, just in time to meet the population boom of the '50's... head on. Even these quarters were insufficient as patronage increased beyond expectations. The branch moved again in October 1956 to occupy its present site, with the understanding that the facilities would be expanded. And expanded they were.

In September 1963, with circulation almost three times that of 1956 and the patronage and collection double, a large parking lot was added and the building enlarged to handle the increased workload. Nor has the pace slackened since that date. Residents of the San Clemente area are now served both by County Bookmobile and the San Clemente Branch Library.

Library service is made available by the San Clemente Branch to permanent, summer, and short time military residents alike. Service to the latter groups has been facilitated by temporary patron registrations to insure the provision of book materials to the widest possible audience.



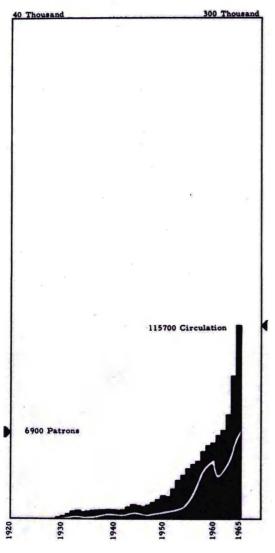
Age Area 7 years 4,560 sq ft

Features

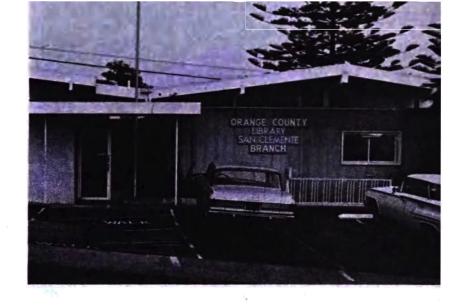
18 parking spaces: Patio; 1,944 ft of

shelving; Air-condi-

tioning



Review of Operations at San Clemente



The San Clemente Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	9263
Juvenile	4930
Total	14103

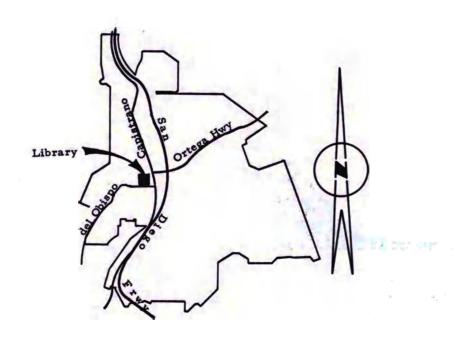
Library Assistants	2.5
Clerks	2
Pages	2

The San Juan Capistrano Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the communities of San Juan Capistrano and Capistrano Beach and residents in surrounding county territory. The San Juan Capistrano Branch is one of the oldest branches in the system having been established in 1921 with Mrs. M. M. Parker its first librarian.

From 1921 to 1937 the collection was housed in the high school, where it provided vital community adult education service during the depression. In 1937 it moved to an adobe downtown, which was promptly referred to as the "Black Hole of Calcutta". It came as no surprise when, in 1940, the branch was moved to somewhat larger and a little more comfortable quarters where it remained through World War II and the Korean Conflict. By 1952, however, even these quarters had become inadequate as waves of newcomers swept into Orange County.

1953 saw the library move again, this time to the Old Justice Court Adobe where still more room was available, in addition to a central location in the community.

However, the lease on this site expired in 1963. Library service was continued during the following period by Bookmobile until 1965, when a new location in the El Adobe Shopping Center was found. Operations were resumed in April of that year. The San Juan Capistrano Branch now looks forward to serving the community on a still larger scale than at any time in the past, and its present site will allow it to do so fully.



Age

New

Area

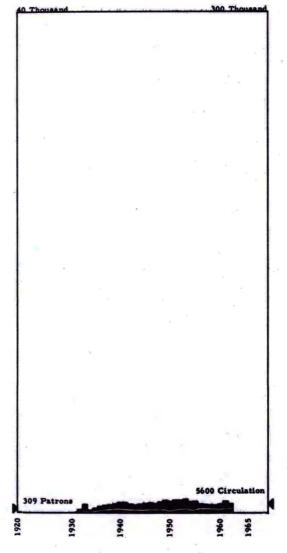
1,200 sq ft

Features

Ample shopping center

parking; carpeting; 849

ft of shelving



Review of Operations at San Juan Capistrano



The San Juan Capistrano Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult 2322 Juvenile 1863

Total 4185

STAFF

Library Assistants . 5

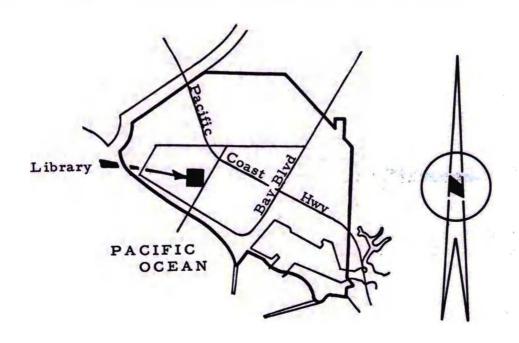
The Seal Beach Branch of the Orange County Free Library is one of two branches serving the city of Seal Beach. Its companion in this service is the Leisure World (Seal Beach) Branch. One of the oldest branches in the County Library System, the Seal Beach Branch began operation on October 11, 1921. Miss Sarah Dyson was its first librarian.

The community took immediately to library services, as reflected by a 1924 circulation of over 7,000 volumes. A greatly enlarged collection and increasing patronage required larger quarters and so, in 1929, the library was moved to a frame building while awaiting completion of its permanent home in the new City Hall. In 1930 the move to the City Hall was complete.

Throughout the depression, the Seal Beach Branch was called on heavily to provide much needed materials concerning new skills and job preparation. Even through World War II and the Korean Incident there was but a negligible decline in library use, a fact which contrasts with county-wide experience. Indeed, the population boom of the '50's had but a slight effect on patronage. However, by 1960, as the rest of northwest Orange County began to fill out, an increasing demand for library service was felt in Seal Beach.

By 1962 both circulation and patron registration had almost doubled and, in readiness for further increases in demand for library service, a new library opposite City Hall was opened. The move was timely, and by 1965 circulation and patronage had doubled their 1960 levels. As with the other branches serving the coastal area, summer residents are welcomed through the use of temporary patron registrations.

Seal Beach, along with the entire coast, is entering a new phase of population growth, due in part to the reclamation of swamps and decline of government land holdings. This pending increase in population will be handled by new, enlarged quarters and a greatly expanded collection as they are required.



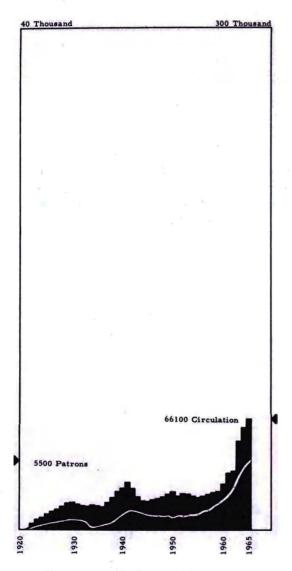
Age Area 2 years 2,950 sq ft

Features

Draperies; Ample

parking on street;

2, 136 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Seal Beach



The Seal Beach Branch Library

Adult	5273
Juvenile	3850
Total	9123

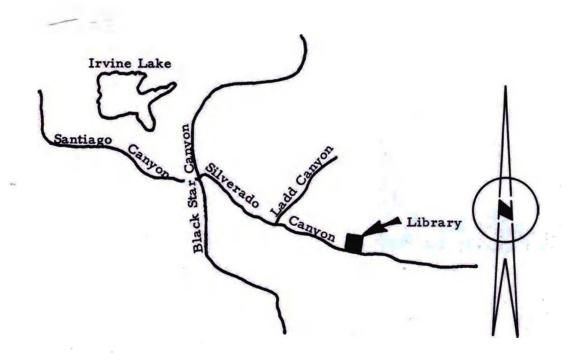
Library As	sistants	2.5
Clerks		1.5
Pages		1

The Silverado Branch of the Orange County Free Library provides library service to rural residents in the eastern sector of the county. Library service to this area was initiated in 1930 with the establishment of a branch at Shadybrook. The first librarian was Miss Elsie McClelland.

Due to the dispersion of patrons and the difficulties of rural travel, it is difficult to judge the effectiveness of rural library service in terms of circulation alone.

In 1933, the branch was moved to the post office; in 1935, the name was changed to Silverado. In 1940, the post office was rebuilt and the library remodeled. No noticeable changes in library patronage were felt until the beginnings of World War II, when circulation coubled almost overnight. With the end of the war, there was a definite slump, which was reversed by 1949. The population boom of the '50's was lightly reflected as a slow but steady growth pattern, which continued to the present.

In view of this growth, the Silverado Branch moved to a new building in the Silverado Shopping Center in 1964. This new library is a vast improvement over earlier facilities provided to the residents of this part of the county, and in large measure reflects the changing face of county libraries. The present Silverado Branch with its spacious interior to facilitate browsing, carpeting to reduce distracting noise, and air-conditioning to add to comfort, embodies several features which foster library use. And, these features definitely contribute to effective library service whether the community served is large or small, urban or rural.



Age

New

Area

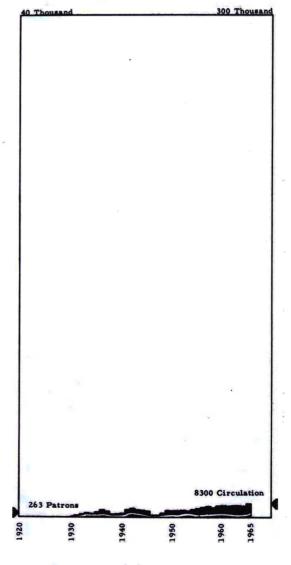
1,080 sq ft

Features A

Air conditioning:

Carpeting; Ample shopping center park-

ing; 552 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Silverado



The Silverado Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	2082
Juvenile	2035

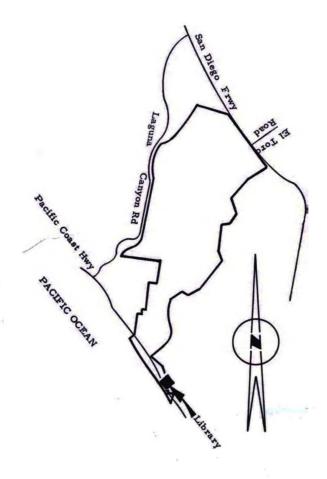
Total 4117

STAFF

Library Assistants . 5

The South Laguna Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the unincorporated central and south coast areas of Orange County. It has been in operation since <u>July 15, 1958</u> as a response to the population growth of the South Laguna area. Its first librarian was <u>Mrs. Virginia Narbel</u>.

In its first year of operation, the need for library service was shown by the more than 10,000 volumes which were circulated. Since that date both patronage and circulation have continued to grow with each succeeding year. To handle adequately the growing library needs of this region, the branch was moved to its present site in 1962. In addition to library service to the year-around residents of South Laguna, this branch also provides service to the large number of summer visitors to the beach. To facilitate such service while serving the broadest possible audience, temporary patron registrations are used.



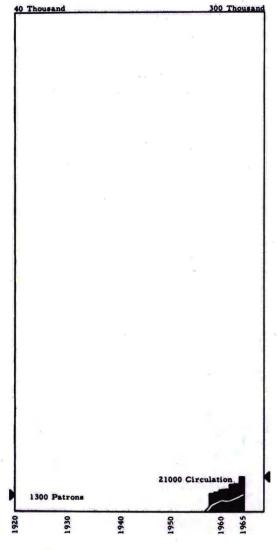
Age Area 14 years 950 sq ft

Features

Ample parking on

street; 580 ft of

shelving



Review of Operations at South Laguna



The South Laguna Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	3483
Juvenile	1945

Total 5428

STAFF

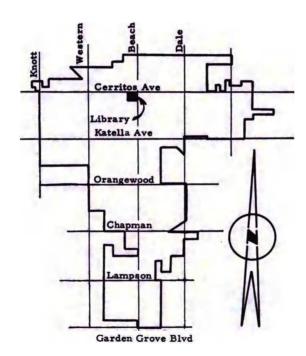
Library Assistants 1
Pages .

The Stanton Branch of the Orange County Free Library System serves the city of Stanton and residents of adjacent communities who work, shop, or go to school in Stanton. This branch began operation on April 1, 1940 with Mrs. Geraldine Kahl as its first librarian.

Since establishment, use patterns at the Stanton Branch have generally followed county wide library trends. During World War II circulation, though not large, was very stable. With the coming of peace, library use began to increase in line with community growth.

The population explosion of the '50's was relatively retarded with respect to library patronage but the need for larger facilities was felt by 1954. In September 1956 the present shopping center location was occupied. From that date forward, the demand for library service has grown steadily. In 1959, the library was enlarged to meet this demand.

Future planning for Stanton will revolve around the development of the city's Civic Center and the appropriate location of an adequate library site within that center.



Age

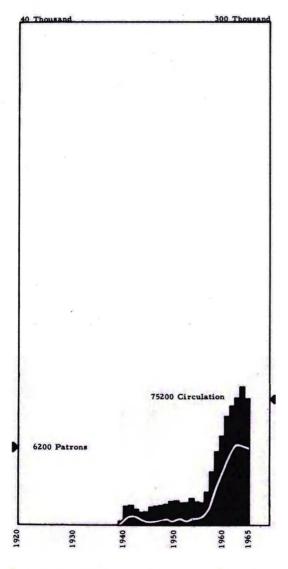
8 years

Area

1,400 sq ft

Features

10 parking spaces; 1080 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Stanton



The Stanton Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	7069
Juvenile	6412
Total	13481

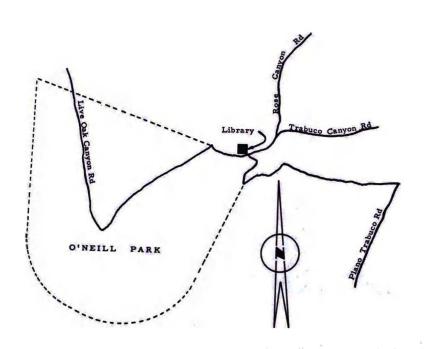
Library Assistants	2.5
Clerks	2
Pages	1

The Trabuco Canyon Branch serves rural residents in the eastern sector of the county. This branch was established in 1933. Its first, and present, librarian is Mrs. Ethel Glenn.

It started as a few shelves in one corner of the grocery store/post office operated by the Glenns. As with rural library service generally it is hard to determine efficiency by circulation alone. The Trabuco area, being rather remote, has not reflected the phonominal growth exhibited by the rest of the county and therefore, through patronage has more than tripled inthe past thirty years, circulation has remained relatively static.

However, it is personal contact with the patron in the forgotten rural areas of the county that makes county library service valuable. Meeting individual reading requirements and building a small, but meaningful collection for the locality is the immediate goal of these branches. And, with the strength of the entire County Library backing branches such as Trabuco Canyon, the level of service which can be made available is equal to that in the largest urban branch in the system.

In 1949, when the store was given up, the library was moved to its present site where it has been effectively reaching the citizens of this portion of the county.

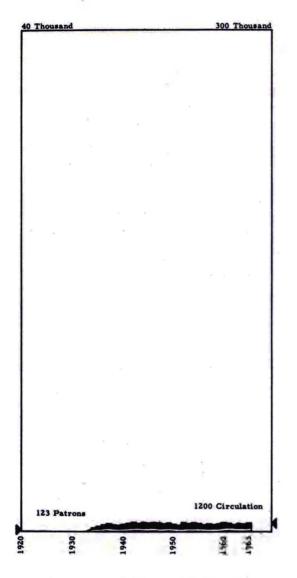


Age Area 22 years 220 sq ft

Features

Ample street and

private parking; 220 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Trabuco



The Trabuco Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	435	
Juvenile	694	
Total	1129	

STAFF

Library Assistants .25

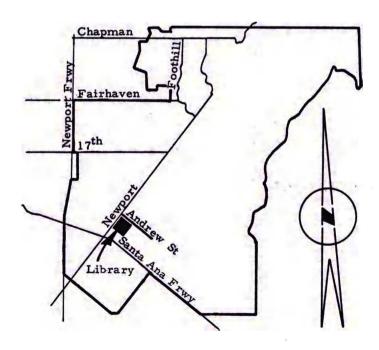
The Tustin Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the citizens of Tustin and residents of adjacent county territory. This branch has one of the highest circulations of the County Library System. Although the County Library had established a reading room in 1924 in the Tustin Grammar School, branch service to the community was not begun until 1931. The first librarian of the Tustin Branch was Mrs. Hazel Gowdy.

No sooner had library operations begun when service was interrupted by the 1933 earthquake which severely damaged a large portion of the community. As a result of this tremor, the library moved to the First National Bank Building where it remained until 1939. In that year the library moved to a store building on Main Street. At this site, incidentally, all furniture and shelving was made by shop students at Tustin Union High School.

In 1949, a temporary move was made to another store location, while waiting for the planned move to part of the new City Hall Building. In 1950, this move was made. There the brunt of the population boom of the '50's was taken full force so that by 1958 new and larger quarters were needed.

On July 7, 1958 those quarters were occupied. In fact, a portion of that building still houses the Tustin Branch. By 1963 circulation was three times the all time high of '58 and patron registrations were doubled. The building was doubled in size and greatly needed parking facilities were added that same year. Though the demand for service continues to increase annually the library facilities will probably remain adequate for several years more.

Future requirements for library service to Tustin, and the populace county area to the north will be molded by annexations of the county area, and the development of Tustin's Master Plan.



Age

4 years

Area

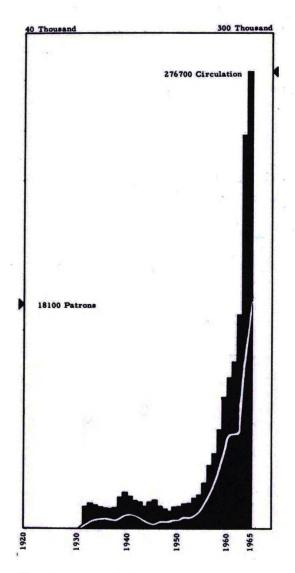
7,500 sq ft

Features

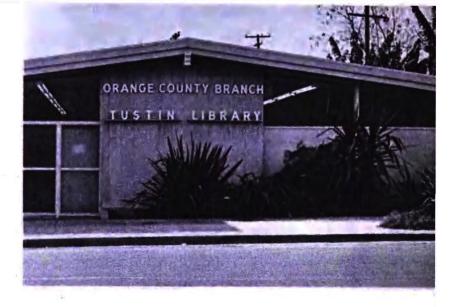
Air conditioning;

25 parking spaces;

3,958 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Tustin



The Tustin Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	12843
Juvenile	9900
Total	22743

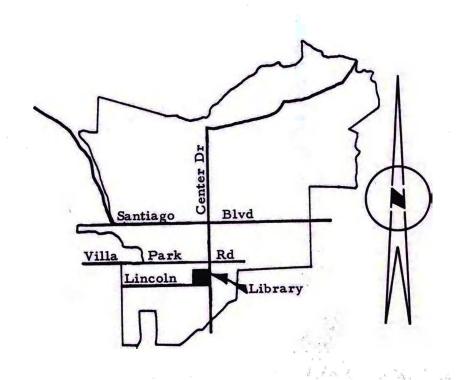
Professional Librarians	2
Library Assistants	4
Clerks	5
Pages	3

The Villa Park Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the citizens of Villa Park and residents of adjacent county territory. This branch began operation in July 1958 with Mrs. Jean Ritter its first librarian.

In the Villa Park School from its inception, this branch has shown a steady growth pattern with circulation and patronage doubling since 1959. Still, because of its location, the Villa Park Branch remains primarily a school-oriented library with limited adult patronage.

County Library policy, ordinarily, precludes the use of schools as branch library outlets. This is due to the vast differences between school and public libraries in their focus, orientation and standards. Therefore, the Villa Park Branch location can only be considered temporary.

To alleviate this situation, a more suitable site is being sought. However, the development of new, enlarged quarters for Villa Park depends on the availability of a location compatable with the City's Land-Use Plans.



FACILITIES

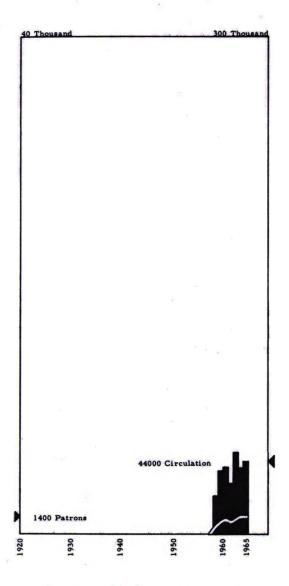
Age Area 38 years 300 sq ft

Features

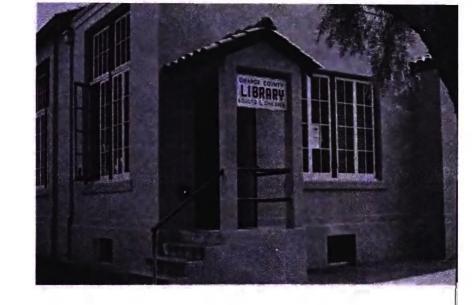
Ample street and

school lot parking;

375 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Villa Park



The Villa Park Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	822
Juvenile	4221

Total 5043

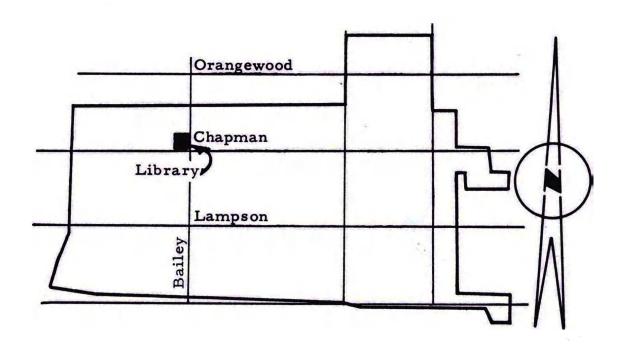
STAFF

Library Assistants l Clerks .5 The West Garden Grove Branch of the Orange County Free Library primarily serves the residential community of Eastgate. Built by the city for lease to the county, it is one of three county branches serving the city of Garden Grove. Its companions are the Garden Grove and Chapman Branches. The West Garden Grove Branch opened on January 1964. Mrs. Myrna Donohue was its first librarian.

As a recent addition to the County Library System and, incidentally a direct response to the library needs of Garden Grove, this branch was welcomed immediately by the community. Since it has been in operation but two years there is little performance data available to establish future operating trends, however, during those two years both patronage and circulation have doubled.

As a new facility, the building and staff are geared to handle still further increases in demand. Architecturally the building reflects the new look in libraries. Reader's loungeareas and separate stacks for adults and children, a public patio and air-conditioning all lend themselves to making this branch a popular source of educational and recreational reading.

Due to the County Library's long term community service and experience in the reader requirements of those communities, the West Garden Grove Library was able, from its first day of operation, to provide complete library service including a well stocked collection with trained personnel.



FACILITIES

Age

New

Area

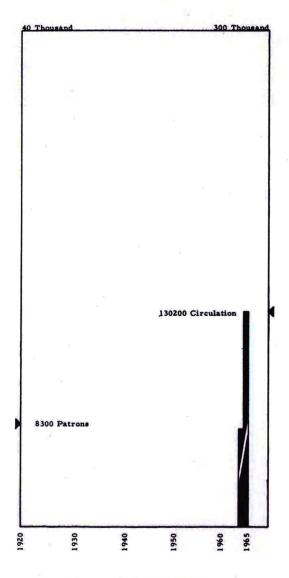
5,000 sq ft

Features

Air conditioning; Separate staff and

public patios; 26 parking spaces;

2,924 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at West Garden Grove



The West Garden Grove Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	7972
Juvenile	7967
Total	15939

STAFF

Professional Librarians	1
Library Assistants	2.5
Clerks	2.5
Pages	2

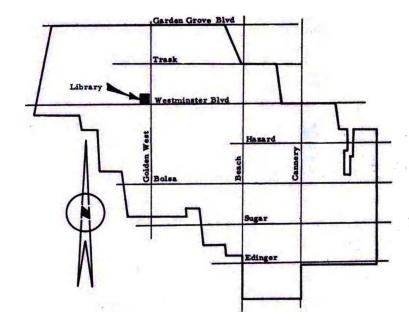
The Westminster Branch of the Orange County Free Library serves the citizens of Westminster and residents of this important portion of the county. This branch, established in 1921, is one of the oldest branches in the system. Mrs. Louise Turpin was its first librarian.

At the beginning of its 'career' the Westminster Branch occupied a small rented room which, as has historically been the case, was soon over-crowded. In 1929 the community, by popular subscription, constructed a single room, wood and stucco, library on North Plaza at Chesnut in the park. These same quarters were to house the Westminster Branch for the next 34 years; through the depression, World War II and the Korean Conflict. The effects of the population boom of the '50's were slow in reaching Westminster, but this tardiness was not a sign of immunity.

From 1957 on, demands for library service increased at a rate of almost 50% per year so that by 1962 the need for larger quarters was felt. In 1963 this need was answered and the Westminster Branch moved to its present location adjacent to the Westminster Shopping Center.

This attractive new building, constructed specifically for library use, stands in sharp contrast to its predecessor. New materials, magazines and special collections are functionally displayed for patron convenience. For operational efficiency, there are spacious offices which are strategically located at the branch's entrance. To further present an atmosphere conducive to library use, the facilities are acoustically treated to reduce extraneous noise, there are reader's lounge areas, and air-conditioning.

To meet future community library needs, there is ample room at the Westminster Branch for expansion.



FACILITIES

Age

1 year

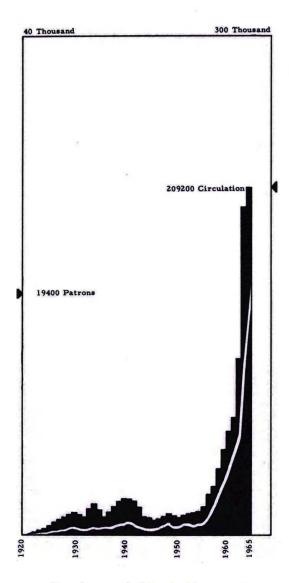
Area

5,878 sq ft

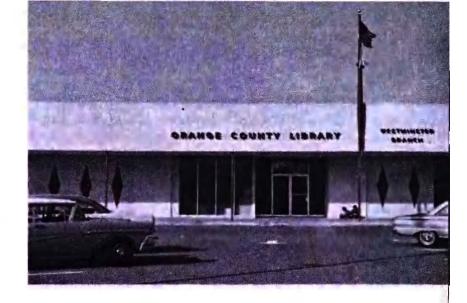
Features

Air conditioning; Ample parking in

shopping center;
3164 ft of shelving



Review of Operations at Westminster



The Westminster Branch Library

COLLECTION

Adult	11616
Juvenile	8241
Total	19857

STAFF

Library Assistants	5
Clerks	3.5
Pages	3

The Orange County Free Library has long provided library service to county institutional facilities. Perhaps the first instance of this service was the establishment of a small collectionat the Juvenile Home on January 1, 1922. Subsequently, library service to the County Hospital was initiated on May 1, 1922.

These are merely two examples of the readily available service which has been offered and used in an "on-call" manner. Service to county penal institutions was begun at the County Jail in June 1929, and continued on an "as required" basis until the completion of Lacy Security Facility in 1960. At that time, a small collection was set up for use by the prisoners, which was maintained by a supervisor at the facility.

Similarly, service was begun at the Industrial Farm in 1964. Irregular, or "as required", library service is also performed for the Women's Jail, having been first called for in 1962.

In line with a continuing desire to make library service available to as many institutional facilities as possible, the County Library is presently planning for an extension of its services to Juvenile Hall.

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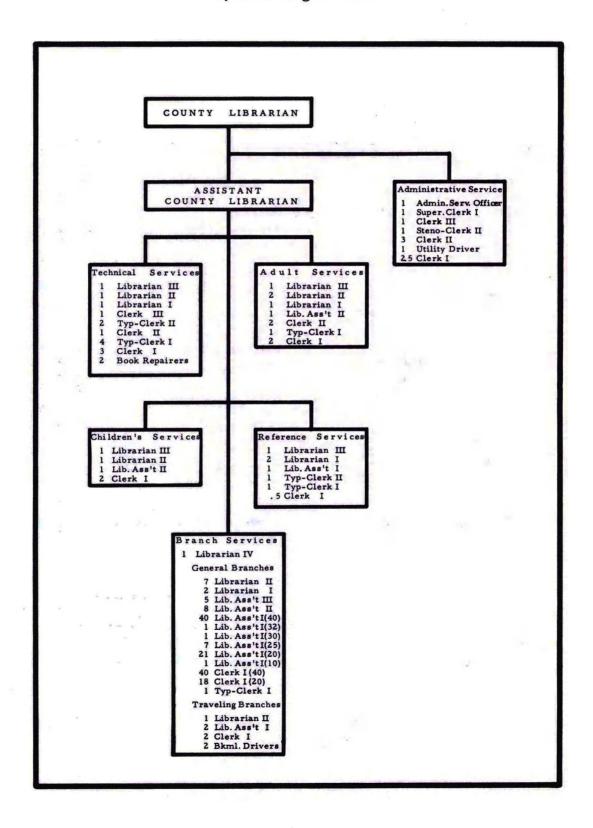
How Large is the County Library

- 405000 VOLUME COLLECTION
- 32000 VOLUME REFERENCE COLLECTION
- 2242 PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
- 8 MILES OF SHELVING
- 2 ACRES OF BRANCH LIBRARY HOUSING
- 80 TONS OF BOOKS SHIPPED ANNUALLY
- 21085 MILES ANNUALLY IN BOOKMOBILE AND SHIPPING
- 600 PARKING SPACES
- \$31,000 IN FINES (JULY/DEC 1965)

Branch Growth: 1961 - 1966 (All Areas in thousand sq ft)

BRANCH	1961-2	1962-3	1963-4	1964-5	1965-6
Bolsa	. 84	. 84	. 84	6.0	6.0
Brea	. 4	3. 15	3. 15	3.15	3. 15
Chapman			5. 0	5.0	5. 0
Costa Mesa	6.37	6.37	6.37	6.37	6. 37
Cypress	.6	. 6	.6	6.0	6.0
Dana Point	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Fountain Valley				5, 2	5. 2
Garden Grove	3.2	3. 2	3, 2	3.2	3, 2
Laguna Beach	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	7. 0
La Habra	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	8.0
Leisure World (Seal Beach)			. 4	.4	1.2
Leisure World (Laguna Hills)					6.0
Los Alamitos-Rossmoor			5.0	5.0	5.0
Mesa Verde					6.5
San Clemente	2.02	2.02	4. 56	4. 56	4. 56
Seal Beach		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
San Juan Capistrano	. 39	. 39		1.2	1.2
Silverado	. 05	. 12	. 12	1.08	1.08
South Laguna	.8	. 8	. 95	. 95	. 95
Stanton	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Trabuco	. 22	. 22	. 22	. 22	. 22
Tustin	4.4	4.4	7.5	7.5	7.5
Villa Park	.3	. 3	.3	. 3	. 3
West Garden Grove			5.0	5.0	5.0
Westminster	. 9	5. 88	5. 88	5.88	5. 88
TOTAL SQUARE FEET	28.09	38, 89	59. 74	77.66	100. 96
INCREASE - SQUARE FEET	ls.	10.80 (27%)	20.85	17. 92 (23%)	23, 30 (23%)

System Organization



Resume of Branch Statistics

All Figures in Thousands		(I) S	(2) C.	(3)	(4)	8 4	1		
BRANCH	A Park	Real Solid	Real Co	ALL S	A delle la	Contract of			tal Value
BOLSA	20.0	6.0	14.6	139.0	25.0	65.0	11.0	73.0	174.
BREA	3. 15	3.15	13.8	78.0	3.2	38.0	5.0	69.0	115.
CHAPMAN	38.0	5.0	19.7	198.0	40.0	92.7	12.0	98.5	243.
COSTA MESA	14.8	6.37	31.4	251.2	20.0	45.0	11.0	157.0	233.
CYPRESS	20.0	6.5	10.4	81.4	70.0	65.0	11.0	52.0	198.
DANA POINT	5. 0	1.2	6.3	55.8	15.0	15.0	3.5	31.5	65.
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	20.0	5. 2	13.6	72.6	20.0	65.0	10.0	68.0	163.
GARDEN GROVE	8. 16	3.2	22. 9	204.8	15.0	22.0	7.0	14.5	58.
LAGUNA BEACH	2, 5	2.2	18. 9	135.2	18.0	32.5	8.0	94.5	153.
LA HABRA	9.68	2.8	21.4	236.6	24. 0	14.0	15.0	107.5	160.
LEISURE WORLD	1,0	1.2	5,0	69.6	2.0	10.0	2.0	25.0	39.
LOS ALAMITOS ROSSMOOR	81.5	5.0	19.1	141.3	25.0	77.8	10.0	95.5	208.
MESA VERDE (5)	60.0	6,5	11.5	1.0.00	70,0	150.0	14.5	57.5	292.
SAN CLEMENTE	12.6	4. 56	14.2	115.7	27.0	42.6	6.0	71.0	146.
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO (6)	1.2	1, 2	4.2	5. 6	1.0	10.0	3.0	21.0	35.
SEAL BEACH	3. 0	2, 95	9.1	66.1	4. 5	36.0	7.0	45.5	93.
SILVERADO	1.08	1.08	4.1	8.3	3, 0	13.0	3.0	20.5	39.
SOUTH LAGUNA	1.63	. 95	5.4	21.0	4.8	8.6	2.0	27.0	42.
STANTON	5. 4	1.4	13.5	75.2	15.0	15.0	3.0	67.5	100.
TRABUCO	2.0	. 22	1.1	1.2	2, 5	2.0	1.0	5, 5	11.
TUSTIN	21.0	7. 5	22,7	276.7	30.0	91.8	14.0	113.5	249.
VILLA PARK	. 34	. 3	5.0	44. 0	. 5	1.5	1.0	25.0	28.
WEST GARDEN GROVE	20.0	5. 0	15. 9	130.2	36.0	92.7	10.0	79.5	218.
WESTMINSTER	6.0	5. 88	19.9	209.2	15.0	60.6	11.0	99.5	186.

NOTES: 1 - Collection as of October 1965 2 - Circulation, Fiscal year 1964-1965 3 - Value in 1963 4 - Cost New 5 - Opened October 1965 6 - Opened April 1965

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